



Agenda

Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board

September 1-2, 2026

Milwaukee Area Technical College

700 W. State Street

Milwaukee, WI 53233

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Location: Milwaukee Area Technical College Board Room M210

4:30 pm

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Motion to Recess until Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Following completion of the Tuesday agenda, Board members and invited guests will attend dinner at Milwaukee Area Technical College. No official business will be conducted.

If you require accommodations to observe the meeting, please contact Julie Drake at julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu or at 608-267-9066.



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Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Location: Milwaukee Area Technical College Board Room M210

Breakfast will be available for Board members and invited guests at 8:00 am. No official business will be conducted.

8:30 am

Milwaukee Area Technical College Tour

9:30 am

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Lunch will be available for Board members and invited guests. No official business will be conducted.

If you wish to listen during the meeting, please contact Julie Drake at julie.drake@wtcsystem.edu or at 608-267-9066 to obtain instructions on how to join the call.

ITEM A: APPROVAL OF JULY 14-15, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Interim Board President Lindsay Blumer

ITEM B: 2027-2028 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Interim Board President Lindsay Blumer

2027

Date & Time	Location
Tuesday, January 19 – 9 am – 12 pm	Hill Farms Building – Madison
Tuesday, March 9 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, March 10 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Gateway Technical College – Kenosha
Tuesday, May 18 – 9 am – 12 pm	Hill Farms Building – Madison
Tuesday, July 13 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, July 14 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Northeast Wisconsin Technical College – Green Bay
Tuesday, September 14 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, September 15 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Lakeshore Technical College – Cleveland
Tuesday, November 9 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, November 10 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Waukesha County Technical College – Pewaukee

2028

Date & Time	Location
Tuesday, January 18 – 9 am – 12 pm	Hill Farms Building – Madison
Tuesday, March 7 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, March 8 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Mid-State Technical College – Campus TBD
Tuesday, May 23 – 9 am – 12 pm	Hill Farms Building – Madison
Tuesday, July 11 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, July 12 – 8:30 am – 12 noon	Northwood Technical College – Campus TBD
Tuesday, September 12 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, September 13 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Northcentral Technical College – Wausau
Tuesday, November 14 – 4:30 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, November 15 – 8:30 am – 12 pm	Moraine Park Technical College – Campus TBD

ITEM C: REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Interim Board President Lindsay Blumer

- Board of Regents Report

ITEM D: REPORT OF THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT

System President Layla Merrifield

- System Updates

ITEM E: WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARDS ASSOCIATION (DBA)

Wisconsin Technical College DBA President John Wyatt

Wisconsin Technical College DBA Executive Director Pat Goss

John Wyatt, Lakeshore Technical College trustee and current president of the association, and Executive Director Pat Goss will provide the Board with an overview of recent Association activities.

ITEM F: TEACHING & LEARNING – FUNERAL SERVICES AT MATC: PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY USING SHARED AGREEMENTS

WTCS Associate Vice President-Instructional Services Chrystal Seeley-Schreck

WTCS Director-Hospitality, Human Services and Education Katie Roberts, Ed.D.

Milwaukee Area Technical College Faculty and Program Director, Funeral Service Program Gabriel Schauf

The Funeral Service program prepares students for careers as licensed funeral directors and embalmers in a profession that requires compassion, professionalism, dedication and creativity. Students benefit from a diverse range of learning experiences including classroom instruction, hands-on laboratory training, field experiences, seminars, guest presentations and internships that provide real-world exposure to the profession.

Program facilities include modern classrooms, state-of-the-art embalming and restorative art laboratories, an arrangement conference room, a merchandise selection room and a fully equipped funeral chapel.

This program is unique as the only publicly funded Funeral Service education program in Wisconsin and is delivered in partnership with nine other technical colleges across the

state. This presentation will provide an overview of Shared Programs within the Wisconsin Technical College System and the benefits of Shared Programs to our colleges and students. Milwaukee Area Technical College will spotlight its Funeral Services program highlighting partnerships that make the program successful and the importance of sharing the program with other WTCS colleges.

This work reflects the Board's Strategic Directions by advancing innovation and transformation in how educational programs are designed and delivered.

ITEM G: WTCS CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (CTSO)

Mid-State Technical College Precision Machining Technician Instructor and State Director of SkillsUSA Mike Berry

Northcentral Technical College Marketing & Business Technology Instructor and State Director of Business Professionals of America Dianne Carroll

Retired Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Agribusiness Instructor and State Director of the Professional Agriculture Students Paul Cutting

Board members will receive highlights from each instructor of their respective Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) and share the successes students achieve through involvement in the CTSOs.

ITEM H: CONSENT AGENDA

WTCS Associate Vice President-Instructional Services Chrystal Seeley-Schreck

WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

- Program Development
- Facilities Development

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Authority for the initiation and development of programs is vested with the Wisconsin Technical College System Board as provided under s. 38.001(1m), Wis. Stats.

CONCEPT REVIEW

During the Concept Review phase for occupational programs, the district provides information on local labor market demand and employment trends. In addition, the district provides a summary of discussions with other districts which offer the same or a similar program. The results of Ad Hoc Advisory Committee discussions are shared, and District Board approval is documented. Approval of the Concept Review does not authorize the district to offer the program. Approval of the Concept Review does allow the district to proceed with compiling and documenting information required in the next and final stage of the approval process.

The information, analyses and documentation submitted in the Concept Review phase are reviewed by System Office staff for adequacy. The following Concept Reviews are recommended for approval. Board approval of the following Concept Reviews will initiate the Program Approval phase.

<u>College</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
Blackhawk Technical College	Building Trades – Carpentry One-Year Technical Diploma
Fox Valley Technical College	Respiratory Therapy Associate of Applied Science Degree
Northcentral Technical College	Agricultural Robotics Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree
Northcentral Technical College	Livestock Technician One-Year Technical Diploma
Western Technical College	Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree
Western Technical College	Landscape Horticulture Associate of Applied Science Degree

Concept Review – Requested by: Blackhawk Technical College

Program Title: Building Trades – Carpentry

Program Description: The Building Trades - Carpentry One-Year Technical Diploma prepares students to enter entry-level carpentry careers through hands-on training in framing, layout, materials, tools and jobsite safety. Graduates are employed as carpenters and construction laborers.

Demonstration of Program Need: Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data analysis and ad hoc advisory committee feedback and support.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: BTC notified the five colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: \$21.11/hour

District Board Approval Date: 7/13/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Fox Valley Technical College

Program Title: Respiratory Therapy

Program Description: The Respiratory Therapy Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to treat and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders in a wide variety of clinical settings. The scope of practice for respiratory therapists includes, but is not limited to, assessing the cardiopulmonary status of patients, drawing blood samples, performing blood gas analysis and pulmonary function testing, initiating ordered respiratory care and evaluating and monitoring patients' response to such care. Graduates are employed as respiratory therapists.

Demonstration of Program Need: Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market information, employer survey and ad hoc committee support.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: FVTC notified the 11 colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: \$27.57/hour

District Board Approval Date: 5/19/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Northcentral Technical College

Program Title: Agricultural Robotics Technician

Program Description: The Agricultural Robotics Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students for careers in modern agriculture by developing skills in operating, maintaining and repairing advanced technologies such as drones, precision agriculture systems and robotic equipment. Graduates are employed as agricultural equipment technicians, precision agriculture specialists, drone technicians and robotics maintenance technicians.

Demonstration of Program Need: Northcentral Technical College (NTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and employer support.

Salary: \$24.50/hour

District Board Approval Date: 6/2/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Northcentral Technical College

Program Title: Livestock Technician

Program Description: The Livestock Technician One-Year Technical Diploma provides students with the knowledge and hands-on skills needed to manage and care for livestock species including equines, swine, sheep, goats, beef cattle and poultry. Graduates are employed as livestock managers, herdspersons, animal technicians or farm operators.

Demonstration of Program Need: Northcentral Technical College (NTC) demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and employer support.

Salary: \$27.64/hour

District Board Approval Date: 6/2/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Western Technical College

Program Title: Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Program Description: The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to perform various ultrasound procedures of the abdomen, obstetrics, gynecologic and limited vascular procedures. Graduates are employed as diagnostic medical sonographers.

Demonstration of Program Need: Western Technical College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and employer support.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: Western notified the four colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: \$42.95/hour

District Board Approval Date: 6/16/2026

Concept Review – Requested by: Western Technical College

Program Title: Landscape Horticulture

Program Description: The Landscape Horticulture Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to become small business owners and managers in plant-based agriculture and landscaping services. Graduates are employed as landscape and groundskeeping supervisors.

Demonstration of Program Need: Western Technical College demonstrated program need through a variety of sources including labor market data and advisory committee support.

Summary of Collaborative Discussions: Western notified the five colleges with the same or similar programs. There were no concerns.

Salary: \$18.58/hour

District Board Approval Date: 12/16/2025

PROGRAM APPROVAL

During the Program Approval phase for occupational programs, the district prepares a final analysis of the new program and the cost/benefit to district stakeholders. The analysis includes a final estimate of labor market need, instructional costs and career pathway opportunities. In addition, the district prepares a response to any issues or questions raised by the Board in the Concept Review phase.

The information, analyses and documentation submitted in the Program Approval phase are reviewed by System Office staff for adequacy. The following programs are recommended for Board approval. Board approval will complete the occupational program development process.

<u>College</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
Gateway Technical College	Industrial Mechanical Pipe Systems Technician Apprenticeship
Mid-State Technical College	Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma
Moraine Park Technical College	Human Services Associate Associate of Applied Science Degree
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree

New Apprenticeship Program Proposal – Requested by: Gateway Technical College

Program Title: Industrial Mechanical Pipe Systems Technician Apprentice

Program Description: The Industrial Mechanical Pipe Systems Technician Apprenticeship prepares apprentices to install, maintain and repair piping networks that transport chemicals, steam, water, oil and gases in manufacturing plants. Apprentices are employed as pipefitters.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Preferred Start Date: 4/1/27

District Board Approval Date: 4/15/2026

Program Approval – Requested by: Mid-State Technical College

Program Title: Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW)

Program Description: The Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) Less-Than-One Year Technical Diploma prepares students to set up, inspect and operate equipment unique to gas tungsten arc welding. Graduates are employed as welders.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Program Approval – Requested by: Moraine Park Technical College

Program Title: Human Services Associate

Program Description: The Human Services Associate Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to provide information, resources, support and advocacy for those in need in the community. Graduates are employed as community support workers, human services technicians, outreach workers, case managers and substance use counselors.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

Career pathways opportunities: Existing pathways to institutions such as University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee support seamless progression toward bachelor's degrees and advanced professional opportunities.

Program Approval – Requested by: Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

Program Title: Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Program Description: The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree prepares students to perform ultrasonic recordings in abdominal, obstetrical, gynecologic and limited vascular procedures. Graduates are employed as diagnostic medical sonographers.

Cost/benefit to district stakeholders: This degree will benefit stakeholders by providing local communities with skilled employees in this occupational field. Initial program startup costs include curriculum development and instructional support.

PROGRAM DISCONTINUANCE

A program is discontinued at a district's request, or as initiated by System Office staff, when labor market projections decline or a program experiences low enrollment over a long period of time. Prior to being discontinued, programs are suspended for three years. In some cases, the program is modified or combined with another program. Discontinuing low-demand programs helps ensure that Wisconsin technical college programs maintain high quality and relevance to state workforce needs.

<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>PROGRAM TITLE</u>
Lakeshore Technical College	Industrial Manufacturing Technician Apprentice Apprenticeship Program discontinued due to no enrollment. Program originally approved: 06/09/2015
Lakeshore Technical College	Manufacturing IT Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 07/12/2017
Lakeshore Technical College	Ophthalmic Medical Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 06/22/2011
Lakeshore Technical College	Pharmacy Services Management Associate of Applied Science Degree Program discontinued due to low enrollment. Program originally approved: 05/16/2006

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Blackhawk Technical College – Acquisition of land at the Main Campus in Janesville at a cost of \$15,000.

Chippewa Valley Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in River Falls at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Chippewa Valley Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Eau Claire at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Gateway Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Racine at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Nicolet Area Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Rhinelander at a cost of \$110,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$760,000.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodeling of facilities in Wausau at a cost of \$160,000.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodeling of facilities at the Main Campus in Pewaukee at a cost of \$1,500,000.

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Blackhawk Technical College – Acquisition of Land in Janesville

The Blackhawk Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to acquire land at the main campus in Janesville.

The district proposes to exchange parcels of undeveloped property with an adjacent property owner at the main campus in Janesville.

The exchange proposal will acquire property and dispose of property to provide the district a more congruous parcel of land for future development. The district owns approximately 20 acres of unimproved property along Highway 51. Acquisition of a two acre property with frontage on Highway 51 would complete the continuous property ownership along that highway. The district will exchange approximately 3.4 acres of district property located on the north side of campus for approximately 2.0 acres of Foundation owned property on the west side of campus. The appraised value of the district's 3.4 acre parcel is \$170,000. The appraised value of the Foundation's 2.0 acre parcel is \$220,000. The exchange involves transferring ownership of these two properties without additional money.

An Environmental Site Assessment Phase 1 was conducted on the property to be acquired and no recognized environmental conditions were found.

An Environmental Assessment for the acquisition of the property was made available to the public and government agencies and no comments were received.

The professional and legal fees associated with the exchange will cost the district \$15,000 and will be funded from the district's fund balance.

Chippewa Valley Technical College – Remodel Facilities in River Falls

The Chippewa Valley Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in River Falls.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 7,500 square feet to improve and expand the training space for the Emergency Medical Services (7 FTEs) and Criminal Justice (12 FTEs) programs. The remodeling will create a 600 square foot enclosed storage room with a mechanical mezzanine above from an underutilized vehicle storage space. The project will also add a moveable partition to the existing EMS scenario room which will provide the ability to schedule two smaller classes simultaneously. The storage room will be used to store gear used by both programs. Over the last three years these programs have seen increased enrollments.

This remodeling will not meet the System requirement of LEED Silver and an exception to meeting this requirement is granted. A significant number of LEED points are unavailable because the project is being partially served by the existing HVAC system, does not involve changes to the building exterior, involves no plumbing alterations, primarily consists of constructing interior walls and adds a moveable partition. The lighting, ceilings and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined for a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$170 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Chippewa Valley Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Eau Claire

The Chippewa Valley Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Business Education Center in Eau Claire.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 4,200 square feet to create a new entrance and welcome center to provide a central location for students to access services. The welcome center is adjacent to the enrollment offices, veteran services, financial aid, orientation staff and the cashier. The welcome center creates a new lobby, reception desk, waiting lounge, computer workstations and a small hospitality nook. The project will also

create a new stair to the second floor near the walkway/pedestrian bridge to the Health Center. The Eau Claire Campus serves approximately 4,600 FTEs. The second floor lobby will be created from a classroom and corridor.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$297 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Gateway Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Racine

The Gateway Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Racine.

The district proposes to remodel the existing Barber Cosmetology (76 FTEs combined) salon, approximately 2,900 square feet. The existing 30 year old salon has reached the end of its useful life and the project will reconfigure the workstations to provide accessible workspace. The project updates the Salon, creates a five station spa room, a locker room, storage room, a hair product dispensary and a laundry room. The fixtures, cabinetry and finishes will all be replaced. These programs have consistent enrollments and employer demand.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$482 per square foot. The project will be funded through district borrowing.

Nicolet Area Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Rhinelander

The Nicolet Area Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities in Rhinelander.

The district proposes to remodel a standard classroom which is approximately 650 square feet. The project will convert a medium-sized general education classroom into three smaller rooms, a small conference room and two small learning pods (small conference rooms). The learning pods will provide opportunities for tutoring, online instruction and a location for part-time staff's office hours.

The estimated cost of the project is \$110,000 and the unit cost calculates to approximately \$177 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Wausau

The Northcentral Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Main Campus in Wausau.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 1,500 square feet at the Center for Health Sciences building. The project will create a new stair from the third floor to the fourth floor. On the fourth floor the district will be reducing faculty offices and support spaces and will convert those spaces to educational facilities (classrooms). The occupancy load will increase as these spaces are converted to classrooms and this requires an additional stair for egress. The additional stair will align with the existing stair tower.

The district received approval for this project at the May 2026 WTCS Board meeting and subsequent to that approval the lowest bid received was higher than approved. The original approval was \$600,000 with an estimated cost of \$360 per square foot.

The estimated cost of the project is \$760,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$467 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Northcentral Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Wausau

The Northcentral Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Main Campus in Wausau.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 450 square feet to combine two separate office areas. Two smaller offices will be combined into one open office for hoteling staff workstations and the other offices will be combined into a seating area and a copy room. The seating area and copy room will support staff in the IT and Finance departments. Both projects involve removing intermediate walls, replacing carpeting and ceiling finishes and providing new lighting and electrical infrastructure.

The district received approval for this project at the May 2026 WTCS Board meeting and subsequent to that approval the lowest bid received was higher than approved. The original approval was \$60,000 with an estimated cost of \$127 per square foot.

The estimated cost of the project is \$160,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$350 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Pewaukee

The Waukesha County Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Main Campus in Pewaukee.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 4,100 square feet of the 'Q' Building. The project will create a larger lobby to provide a gathering space, additional student seating and various student amenities. Enlarging the lobby requires the removal of five faculty offices and a small conference room. The project will update three faculty offices, create

four new faculty offices and one new small conference room. The existing lobby and offices are original to the 20 year old building and have reached the end of their useful lives. The remodeling involves upgrading the electrical and IT infrastructure to these spaces to meet the current needs of modern equipment. The 'Q' building currently serves as the center of the district's computer and IT related programming.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$335 per square foot and will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$221,000 on equipment to furnish the space.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Pewaukee

The Waukesha County Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Main Campus in Pewaukee.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 11,500 square feet to reorganize the Sterile Processing Technician (7 FTEs), Phlebotomy (22 FTEs) and the Surgical Technology (69 FTEs) program training spaces. The remodeling will create modern, flexible learning classrooms and labs that better reflect actual healthcare clinical settings. The project will also relocate the School of Health offices to the second floor of the building. The district's healthcare and nursing programs have consistent enrollments and employer demand. This remodeling will largely reuse existing spaces and will construct some additional walls for the separation of spaces. The project will primarily modernize the lighting, ceilings, wall finishes, floor finishes and provide electrical upgrades for modern training equipment.

This remodeling will not meet the System requirement of LEED Silver and an exception to meeting this requirement is granted. A significant number of LEED points are unavailable because the project is being served by the existing HVAC systems, does not involve changes to the building exterior and primarily consists of removing and constructing interior walls. The lighting, ceilings and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet the requirements outlined for a LEED Silver facility.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$120 per square foot. The project will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$309,000 on equipment to furnish the spaces.

Waukesha County Technical College – Remodel Facilities in Pewaukee

The Waukesha County Technical College district, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats., requests approval to remodel facilities at the Main Campus in Pewaukee.

The district proposes to remodel approximately 3,800 square feet to reorganize and enlarge the locker rooms and bathrooms adjacent to the Cosmetology, Fire Protection and Paramedic (157 FTEs combined) programs. The bathrooms to be created are also adjacent to the Anthony J. Natalizio Conference Center. The existing facilities have reached the end of their useful lives and are significantly undersized. Consolidation of these plumbing intensive support rooms will help reduce the costs of the project. The bathrooms and locker rooms are being designed to meet accessibility requirements.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and the unit cost, exclusive of professional fees, calculates to approximately \$358 per square foot. The project will be funded through district borrowing. The district will spend an additional \$112,000 on equipment to furnish the spaces.

ITEM I: MORAINES PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT REVIEW – CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL AND REMODELING OF EXISTING FACILITIES IN HORICON

WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, approval is granted to the Moraine Park Technical College District to construct additional and remodel existing facilities in Horicon at a cost of \$5,006,000.

The Moraine Park Technical College District, pursuant to s. 38.04(10) Stats., requests approval to construct additional and remodel existing facilities at the Horicon Regional Center Campus.

The district proposes to construct additional and remodel existing facilities for Commercial Driver License (CDL) training. The Concept Review for this project was approved by the WTCS Board at its January 2026 meeting.

The cost of the project is \$5,006,000 and will be funded through district borrowing as approved in a \$55,000,000 November 8, 2022 referendum.

An analysis of the requests with the applicable criteria are below.

Analysis of Request for Approval Moraine Park Technical College District Construction of Additional and Remodeling of Facilities at the Horicon Regional Center Fond du Lac Commercial Driver License Track and Training Facilities

Applicable review criteria: TCS 5.04(2) Wisconsin Administrative Code

TCS 5.04(2)(a) & TCS 5.04(4)(a) – A resolution of the District Board approving the construction/remodeling of existing facilities and contingent upon WTCS Board approval.

The District Board of the Moraine Park Technical College adopted a resolution at the June 18, 2025 meeting approving the project.

TCS 5.04(2)(c) & TCS 5.04(4)(c) – Evidence of compliance with s. 1.11 Stats.

An Environmental Assessment was proposed for the construction. It was determined there would be no significant environmental impact and an Environmental Impact Statement was not required. There were no public comments received on the proposed action.

TCS 5.04(2)(d) & TCS 5.04(4)(d) – A report relating programmatic and student requirements and the needs of business and industry to the need for additional and remodeling of existing facilities.

The District proposes to construct and remodel 6,522 square feet at the Horicon Regional Center for the Certified Driver License (CDL) program.

Due to the lack of a dedicated facility the district currently offers its CDL training on a contract basis at various locations. This project will construct a dedicated CDL track and classroom facility at the Horicon Regional Campus. The classroom and apparatus bay additions will be constructed at the public safety building and the training track will be adjacent to that structure. These new facilities will be shared with programs on the Campus. The district has significant employer demand and projections for enrollments are expected to increase as the facility is constructed. The district has consistent student enrollments and employer demand for graduates in its fire protection and EMS programs that are offered at the Horicon Campus.

Program	FTE 2024-2025	FTE 2025-2026	FTE 2026-2027	FTE 2027-2028 Projections
Commercial Driver License			4	8
Fire Protection Technician	9	13	12	14
EMS Continuing Education		10	7	8

TCS 5.04(2)(e) & TCS 5.04(4)(e) – Educational specifications relating specific space requirements for approved programs to the need for additional and remodeling of existing facilities.

The project entails creating three additional classrooms which will provide dedicated training space for driving simulators and general instruction. A new vehicle inspection bay will provide a location for year round inspections and the driving track provides a location for driver training prior to excursions on public roads.

The allocation of space for the primary functional areas of the new and remodeled area is shown below:

Function	New Construction Square Feet	Remodeling Square Feet
Three Classrooms	2,719	
Apparatus Bay	1,761	
Storage, Mechanical	829	
Office		95
Storage, Janitor		101
Total	5,309	196

TCS 5.04(4)(f) & TCS 5.04(4)(f) – An analysis of the impact of the addition and remodeling of existing facilities on the District’s budget including the availability and source of funds.

The project cost is \$5,006,000 and will be funded through district borrowing as authorized in a November 8, 2022 referendum. The District anticipates spending an additional \$21,588 annually on utility costs and will spend \$1,025,321 on equipment to furnish the facility.

TCS 5.04(2)(g) & TCS 5.04(4)(g) – A conceptual sketch of the addition and remodeling.

Architectural drawings have been submitted and found to be satisfactory. Plans and elevations are attached to this analysis.

TCS 5.04(2)(h) & TCS 5.04(4)(h) – The estimated project cost.

The breakdown of the cost for the project is shown below:

Item	Cost
Site Construction	661,200
General Construction	1,881,700
HVAC	772,400
Fire Protection	69,100
Plumbing	158,700
Electrical	506,600
General Conditions	448,000
Contingency	224,900
Fees	283,400
Total:	\$5,006,000

The unit cost of the entire project, exclusive of site work and professional fees, calculates to \$623 per square foot.

TCS 5.04(2)(i) & TCS 5.04(4)(i) – The District energy analysis indicating compliance with s. 1.12 Stats.

Energy consumption is below the WTCS performance standard.

The project will not meet the System requirement of LEED Silver. A number of Location and Transportation LEED points are unavailable due to the rural location of the campus. Elements such as bathroom plumbing fixtures, new HVAC systems, classroom windows and interior finishes are being designed and specified to meet LEED Silver requirements. An exception to meeting the System requirement of Silver has been granted. The project does achieve the next lower level of LEED, Certified.

Staff Finding

Staff concludes there is a need for the project, the need for a dedicated CDL facility and employer demand are significant. The CDL track and classrooms will be shared with the protective service training programs at the campus.

ITEM J: MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE – PROJECT CONCEPT REVIEW – CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER IN STEVENS POINT

WTCS Director-Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

Mid-State Technical College President Shelly Mondeik

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, a finding is made that the concept for Mid-State Technical College's proposed construction of a Public Safety Training Center in Stevens Point is reasonable. The final scope and design of the project is subject to review and approval by the Board as required by s. 38.04(10) Stats.

Consistent with established procedures, projects for additional or new facilities with budgets in excess of \$1,500,000 are subject to a two-phased review process beginning with a project concept review. This initial review considers the project at its conceptual stage with the primary focus on programmatic needs. While a limited amount of detail may be available at this stage, the review can identify areas of concern and factors to be considered in subsequent planning and development of the projects. Following this review, the projects are subject to approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, pursuant to s. 38.04(10), Stats.

Funding for this project will be by district borrowing, gifts, grants and donations.

Construction of a Public Safety Training Center

The district proposes to construct a comprehensive center for its Public Safety training programs. The proposal is to construct a 48,800 square foot public safety education and training center that includes a separate 18,000 square foot indoor shooting range, a tactical village, outdoor fire training center, skid pad and emergency vehicle operator course (EVOC). The district is exploring options for a long-term lease of land from the City of Stevens Point for the center. The schematic drawings for proposed training center are included.

Below is a list of the spaces and major components of the Main Building.

- Auditorium
- Two fire bays
- Two large general purpose classrooms
- Four standard classrooms
- Three EMS labs and classrooms
- Fitness center

- Two public safety scenario rooms
- Defensive tactics lab
- Three jail cells
- Two conference rooms
- Fire equipment storage
- Decontamination room
- 16 faculty offices
- Restrooms
- Various storage rooms
- Student commons

The project will be co-located with a planned City of Stevens Point 4,300 square foot police station and 17,000 square foot fire station. The City's police station and fire station will be funded, constructed and owned by the City of Stevens Point.

The district has consistent enrollments and employer demand for graduates of its Public Safety program training. The chart below shows the existing program enrollments and the projected enrollments when the new facility is completed.

Program	2024-2025 Headcount	2024-25 FTE	Projected Headcount	Projected FTE
Emergency Services Management	15	5	20	7
Criminal Justice Studies	74	43	95	55
Corrections & Comm Advocacy	40	23	50	29
Paramedic Technician	29	12	48	19
Fire Service Certification	20	5	40	9
Law Enforcement Academy	49	35	52	37
Jail Academy	8	2	20	4
Emergency Medical Technician	101	14	130	18
Paramedic	48	21	65	28

The preliminary budget for the project is \$29,200,000. The project will be funded with district borrowing, gifts, grants and donations.

Staff Finding

Staff concludes there is a need for a consolidated training venue. The additional facilities will provide the district the ability to modernize training space and provide the space to expand as training requirements change.

Prior to project approval the district is required to complete the Environmental Impact Statement process, provide schematic plans and proposed square footages, provide a breakdown of the estimated costs for the development and construction of the project, provide clear delineation between the district's facilities and the City of Stevens Point

facilities and provide proof of the receipt of the donations and grants to be applied to the project.

ITEM K: 2027-29 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

WTCS Executive Vice President Paul Hammer

WTCS Policy Advisor Megan Stritchko

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

Resolution:

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves submission of the 2027-29 WTCS budget request to the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

As part of its biennial budget development, the System Board is required to submit to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) its agency budget request for the upcoming biennium. By statute, the budget must be submitted by September 15 of even-numbered years for consideration by the Governor as the proposed executive budget is prepared.

The budget currently being developed is for the 2027-29 biennium that begins on July 1, 2027, and ends on June 30, 2029. The Governor will likely release the proposed executive biennial budget early in 2027 with action by the Wisconsin Legislature expected by June 30, 2027, before the start of the new biennium.

The WTCS Board must consider and take action on the biennial budget recommendation at its September 2 meeting. This action will be based on recommendations provided by the System president from the WTCS Budget Development Workgroup, which held its final meeting on September 1, 2026. The Workgroup includes System Board members, a technical college president, representatives of the District Boards Association, System leadership, a faculty member and a student.

The Board will receive a presentation and discuss the recommended budget priorities and funding amounts.

ITEM L: STATE WORKFORCE ADVANCEMENT TRAINING (WAT), APPRENTICE-RELATED INSTRUCTION AND LEADERSHIP GRANT GUIDELINES

WTCS Grants Manager Tou Ya Khang

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board adopts the grant guidelines for the State of Wisconsin WAT, Apprentice-Related Instruction and Leadership programs for fiscal year 2027-28.

The WTCS Board is required to approve guidelines annually for the distribution of funds made available through the state of Wisconsin and federal Perkins grant appropriations. At its July 2026 meeting, the Board approved funding categories for the Perkins V Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century grants and nine of the eleven State of Wisconsin grant categories.

The guidelines being presented to the Board for approval include the grant categories for which applications are solicited through Requests for Proposals. The Board is being asked to approve changes to the provisions and affirm the statutorily established categories and WTCS priorities within the categories.

ITEM M: BOARD POLICY MANUAL UPDATES – FINANCE & FACILITIES

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

WTCS Director – Facilities Development Dan Scanlon

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo will provide an update to the Board's Policy Manual on Finance and Facilities Development. WTCS Director – Facilities Development Dan Scanlon will be available to field questions related to the Board's Policy Manual Facilities items.

That, upon the recommendation of the president of the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approves the Board Policy Manual updates for finance and facilities.

ITEM N: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WTCS Executive Vice President Paul Hammer

WTCS Policy Advisor Megan Stritchko

WTCS Policy Advisor Brandon Trujillo

An update on recent state and federal legislative activity affecting the Wisconsin Technical College System will be provided.

ITEM O: ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Interim Board President Lindsay Blumer

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WTCS Board is November 10-11, 2026, at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton.